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CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

EXPORT OF A COMPUTER TO THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANY

Memorandum by the United Kingdom Delegation

The United Kingdom authorities have been asked to approve the export to the Soviet Zone of Germany of an Analogue Computer Model TY 864, value £ 4,200. This is embargoed under Item 1565.

2. The computer is required by the Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaft Zu Berlin, Institut fur Mikrobiologie und Experimentelle Therapie Jena, Jena, Beuthenbergstrasse 11. It would be used by a Dr. Berg in the Department of Physics and Chemistry for biochemical and biological research, particularly to investigate the reactions of solutions and the problems of sedimentation and diffusion of micro modules.
3. The computer is a very simple piece of equipment, normally used at technical colleges for solving comparatively easy mathematical calculations and it has a very limited performance.
4. The Committee approved the export of one of these computers in 1959 under the special Polish exceptions procedure (COCOM Documents 3614 and 3617) and a further Polish exceptions case is before the Committee in COCOM Document 4126.
5. Her Majesty's Government take the view that the export would comprise no strategic risk for the West; the computer contains no technological "know-how" of any importance and moreover it appears doubtful whether it was ever the intention when drafting the definition of Item 1565 to catch such elementary equipment.
6. Her Majesty's Government wish to authorise the export of this computer as an ad hoc exception, and would be grateful for the views of other member Governments by October 13.

United Kingdom Delegation,
PARIS.

September 23, 1960